

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Summary of Invention at paragraph 9 with the following:

The present invention provides a method of communicatively coupling power line communication (PLC) devices to multiple overhead power line conductors that travel in a substantially parallel physical arrangement and in spaced-apart relation is provided. In one embodiment, the method may comprise coupling a first PLC device to the first power line conductor at a first location, coupling a second PLC device to the first power line conductor at a second location for communication with said first PLC device, at least in part, via the first power line conductor, coupling a third PLC device to the second power line conductor at a third location for communication with said first PLC device; and wherein said third location is between said first location and said second location.

Please replace the Abstract (the last paragraph of the specification) with the following:

A method of communicatively coupling power line communication (PLC) devices to a first and second overhead power line conductor that travel in a substantially parallel physical arrangement and in spaced-apart relation is provided. The method may comprise coupling a first PLC device to the first power line conductor at a first location, coupling a second PLC device to the first power line conductor at a second location for communication with said first PLC device, at least in part, via the first power line conductor, coupling a third PLC device to the second power line conductor at a third location for communication

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with said first PLC device; and wherein said third location is between said first location and said second location.